

1995/1996/1997  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER  
AND  
COUNCIL #10  
(CLASSIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF)

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## PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into effective 1st day of January, 1995, by and between the Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and Council #10, hereinafter referred to as the Employees, has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Township and the Employees, the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences, the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment, and represents the complete and final understanding of the rules and regulations of the Township of Gloucester.

## ARTICLE 1. LEGAL REFERENCE

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall alter the authority conferred it by Law, Ordinance, Resolution, or Administrative Code, and the Township's Departmental Rules and Regulations upon any Township Official or in any way abridge or reduce such authority.

This Agreement shall be construed as requiring both the Employer and the Employee to follow the terms contained herein, to the extent that they are applicable in the exercise of the responsibilities conferred upon them by Law. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any employee such rights as they may have under any other applicable Laws or Regulations. The rights granted to the Employees hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to Law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by Law, however, all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.

The provisions of this Agreement shall be subject to and subordinate to and shall not annul or modify existing applicable provisions of State and Local Law, except as such particular provisions of this contract modify existing Local Laws.

## ARTICLE 2. RECOGNITION

The Township of Gloucester hereby recognizes Council #10 as the sole and exclusive representative of the Employees of Gloucester Township for the purpose of collective negotiations

with respect to terms and conditions of employment for present employees covered in Appendix A and any new classifications as may be agreed upon.

### ARTICLE 3. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Township of Gloucester hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it prior to the signing of the Agreement by the Laws and Constitutions of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, including, but not without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights:

1. The executive management administrative control of the Township Government and its properties and facilities and the activities of its employees by utilizing personnel, methods, and means of the most appropriate manner possible as may from time to time be determined by the Township.
2. To make rules of procedure and conduct, to use improved methods and equipment, to determine work schedules and shifts, to decide the number of employees needed for any particular time and to be in sole charge of the quality and quantity of the work required.
3. The right of management to make, maintain, and name such reasonable rules and regulations as it may from time to time deem best for the purposes of maintaining order, safety, and/or the effective operation of the Department, after advance notice to the employees, to required compliance by the employees, is recognized.
4. To hire all employees and subject to the provision of Law, to determine their qualifications and conditions of continued employment or assignment, and to promote and transfer employees.
5. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take any other appropriate disciplinary action against any employee for good and just cause according to Law.
6. To layoff employees in the event of lack of work or funds or under conditions where continuation of such work would be inefficient or non-productive.
7. The Township reserves the right with regard to all other conditions of employment not reserved to make such changes as it deems desirable and necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Departments.

In the exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities of the Township, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices and the furthermore thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited only to the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and Laws of New Jersey and of the United States.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Township of its rights, responsibilities and authority under R.S. 40A, or any other national, state, county or local laws or regulations.

#### ARTICLE 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Township shall and may establish and enforce binding rules and regulations in connection with the operation of the Township and maintenance of discipline, provided such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. Copies shall be furnished to the Council #10 members. It is understood that application of this Agreement shall not in any way hamper enforcement of the Departmental Rules and Regulations.

It is understood that all employees shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Department and order of directives issued by the Director of their Department of his designee, from time to time.

If any employee believes a rule, regulation, or instruction is unreasonable or unjust, the employee shall comply with the rule, regulation, or instruction, but with the further provision that such employee may regard the rules, regulation, or instruction as a grievance which shall be handled in accordance with the grievance procedures set forth in this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 5. BAN OF STRIKES

It is recognized that the need for continued and uninterrupted operation of the Township of Gloucester is of paramount importance to the citizens of the community; therefore, there shall be no interference with such operations.

Adequate procedures having been provided for the equitable settlement of grievances arising out of this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that there shall not be, and that the Council #10 officers, members, agents, or principals will not engage in, encourage, sanction, or suggest strikes, slowdowns, mass resignation, mass absenteeism, or other suspension of, or interference with, normal work performance.

## ARTICLE 6. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The intent of the parties to this Agreement is that the procedures hereinafter set forth shall serve as a means of peaceful settlement of all disputes that may arise between the parties as to the meaning or application or provisions of the agreement.

It is further understood that suspension, demotion, and discharge shall be made in accordance with Township Ordinance 0-82-16, State Statute and Civil Service. In the event such actions are sustained, the aggrieved individual shall possess all rights of appeal as an individual pursuant to Civil Service as provided by Law. Any disciplinary action, whether it results in a financial loss by suspension or fine, or not, shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

### STEP 1:

As to grievance, the aggrieved employee shall present the grievance orally or in writing to his immediate supervisor. The grievance must be presented within ten (10) working days of its occurrence or knowledge of its occurrence. The supervisor will give his verbal answer or written answer within six (6) working days of the date of presentation of the grievance.

### STEP 2:

If the grievance is not settled in Step 1, it shall be reduced to writing and presented through the chain of command as follows: Department of the Township clerk, the grievance shall be presented to the Township Clerk; Department of Administration and Department of Municipal Court, the grievance shall be presented to the Business Administrator; Department of Community Services, Recreation, Community Development and Department of Public Works, the grievance shall be presented to their respective Department Heads; Department of Police, the grievance shall be presented to the Police Chief. The grievance shall be in detail and be dated. That level will reply to the grievance within five (5) working days of the date of the presentation of the written grievance. The aggrieved employee may be represented by an attorney, or the employee bargaining unit in presenting his grievance.

### STEP 3:

If the grievance is not settled in Step 2, the written grievance shall be presented to the Mayor, within five (5) working days after the response is given. After a grievance hearing, at which the

employee shall have his representative present, the Mayor will reply to the grievance in writing within seven (7) days of the date of the presentation of the written grievance (Saturday, Sunday and Holidays excluded).

**STEP 4:**

If the grievance is not settled in Step 4, it will be submitted to an arbitrator from P.E.R.C. or the American Arbitration Association mutually agreeable to both parties. The findings of the arbitrator shall be binding. The cost of such arbitration will be borne equally by both parties.

A grievance may be filed by Council #10 at its own instigation or at the request of any employee covered under this agreement instead of any individual employee at the sole discretion of the union.

**ARTICLE 7. EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

Pursuant to Chapter 303, Public Laws 1968, the Township of Gloucester hereby agrees that every employee shall have the right to freely organize, join, and support Council #10 and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection. As a duly selected body exercising governmental power under color of Law of the State of New Jersey, the Township undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly nor indirectly discourage, deprive, nor coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Chapter 303, Public Laws 1968 or other Laws of New Jersey or the constitution of New Jersey and the United States; that it shall not discriminate against any employee with respect to hours of work, wages, or any terms and conditions of employment by reason of his membership in Council #10 and its affiliates, collective negotiations with the Township or his institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms and conditions of employment.

Representatives of Council #10 shall be permitted time off to attend negotiating sessions, provided the efficiency of the Department is not affected thereby.

Each Employee shall be made aware of material to be placed into his or her file, and shall have access to his or her complete personnel file upon reasonable notice to the Business Administrator during regular business hours. All information in the file shall be available, except for reference checks and other information given in the process of hiring which is confidential in nature.

The Township agrees to notify the employee if any material discriminatory to the employee is placed in his personnel file.

The Township shall maintain a separate file on each employee containing such records as medical, psychological and psychiatric examinations, pre-employment inquiries and background investigations.

#### ARTICLE 8. BILL OF RIGHTS

To insure that individual employee rights are not violated, the following shall represent the employee's Bill of Rights.

1. An employee shall have the right to union representation at each and every step of the grievance procedure as set forth in this Agreement.
2. An employee shall not be required to submit to an interrogation by the employer and/or representatives of said employer without union representation present at such interrogation.
3. No recording devices, of any type, shall be used at such interrogation.
4. In all disciplinary hearings and/or hearings designated for the appeal of a disciplinary action already taken, the employee shall be entitled to union representation, the Chief Shop Steward or his designee and a union representative from the district council of which the employee is a member.
5. In all disciplinary hearings or hearings designed for the appeal of any disciplinary action the employee and/or his union representative(s) shall have the right to introduce evidence and witnesses on his behalf. Furthermore, the employee and/or his union representative(s) shall be granted the right to cross-examine any and all witnesses against him.
6. Recording devices may be used only if prior agreement by the union is reached. The union shall be given a duplicate of any and all recordings made. Cost for such shall be shared equally between the union and the employer.
7. No employee shall be intimidated, coerced, or suffer any reprisal by the employer for having exercised his rights under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 9. CHECK OFF & AGENCY SHOP

The Employer agrees to deduct monthly, the Council's monthly membership dues from the pay of those employees who individually request, in writing, that such deductions be made. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the Financial Director of the Township of Gloucester



by the Financial Secretary of the Council, together with a list of names of all employees for whom deductions are made. The aggregate deductions of all employees shall be remitted to the Financial Secretary of the council with a list of names of all employees for whom the deductions were made by the tenth (10) day of the succeeding month after such deductions are made. The revocation of this authorization shall be in writing, in duplicate, one to be sent to the Council and one copy to the Financial Director of the Township, and further, in accordance with the provisions of applicable statutes as presently exist or as may be amended.

A. The Township and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination against any employee because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or political affiliation.

B. The Township and the Union agree that all members covered under this Agreement have the right without fear of penalty or reprisal to form, join, and assist any employee organization or to refrain from any such activity. There shall be no discrimination by the Township or the Union against any member because of the member's membership or non-membership or activity or non-activity in the Union.

C. The Township may establish reasonable and necessary rules of work and conduct for employees.

D. This Agreement shall be equitably applied to all employees covered by this Agreement.

The Employer agrees to deduct the fair share fee from the earnings of those employees who elect not to become members of the Union and transmit the fee to the majority representative.

A. The deduction shall commence for each employee who elects not to become a member of the union during the month following written notice from the union of the amount of the fair share assessment. A copy of the written notice of the fair share assessment must also be furnished to the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission.

B. The fair share fee for services rendered by the Union shall be in an amount equal to the regular membership dues, initiation fees, and assessments of the Union, less the cost of benefits finance through the dues and available only to members of the Union, but in no event shall the fee exceed eighty five percent (85%) of the regular membership dues, fees, and assessments.

C. The sum representing the fair share fee shall not reflect the cost of financial support of political causes of candidates, except to the extent that it is necessary for the union to engage in lobbying activity designed to foster its policy goals in collective negotiations and contract administration, and to secure the employees it represents advances in wages, hours, and other

conditions of employment which ordinarily cannot be secured through collective negotiations with the employer.

D. The Union shall establish and maintain a procedure whereby any individual paying the agency fee can challenge the assessment as computed by the Union. This appeal procedure shall in no way involve the Employer or require the employer to take any action other than hold the fee in escrow pending resolution of the appeal.

E. The Union shall indemnify, defend, and save the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken by the Employer in reliance upon salary deduction authorization cards or the fair share assessment information as furnished by the Union to the Employer, or in reliance upon the official notification on the letterhead of the Union and signed by the President of the Union, advising of such changed deduction.

The Employer agrees to deduct monthly from any Employee who requests in writing that such deductions be made to Council #10, Political Action Committee (PAC)

#### ARTICLE 10. JOINT COUNCIL #10 - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A committee consisting of a Township representative and a Council #10 representative shall be established for the purpose of reviewing the administration of this Agreement and to resolve problems that may arise. Said committee will meet when necessary and required. These meetings are not intended to bypass the grievance procedure or to be considered contract negotiating meetings. The purpose and intent of such meetings is to foster good employment relations through communications between the Township and Council #10 on such matters as:

A. Discussing questions arising over the interpretation and application of this agreement.

B. Disseminating general information of interest to the parties.

C. Giving Council #10 representatives the opportunity to express their views or to make suggestions on subjects of interest to employees of the bargaining unit.

D. To notify the employees in the bargaining unit of changes in non-bargainable conditions of employment contemplated by management.

E. The promotion of education and training.

F. The elimination of waste and the conservation of materials and supplies.

G.The improvement of working conditions, the safeguarding of health and prevention of hazards to life and property and the strengthening of the morale of the employees.

#### ARTICLE 11. WORK SCHEDULES

The regularly scheduled work week shall consist of four (4) consecutive days, Monday through Thursday inclusive, 8:00 a.m. through 5:45 p.m. (35 hours per week)

In the event that there is a need for the Township to revert to a five (5) day work week, then the regularly scheduled work week shall consist of five (5) day, Monday through Friday, inclusive 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Neither the regular starting time of work shifts, nor the work shift will change without 2 weeks notice to the affected employees and without first having discussed such need for the change with representative of Council "10".

#### ARTICLE 12. OVERTIME - CALL IN TIME

Overtime refers to any time worked beyond the regular hours of duty and is granted only when an employee is ordered to work by a supervisor.

Time and one half the employees regular rate of pay shall be paid for work under any of the following conditions:

- 1.All work performed in excess of the employee's regular hours of duty in any one day.
- 2.All work performed in excess of the employee's regular hours of duty in any one week.
- 3.All work performed on Saturday, provided the employee has satisfied the thirty-five (35) hour work week requirement. All time paid is considered hours worked.

Double time the employees regular hourly rate of pay shall be paid for work under any of the following conditions:

- 1.All work performed on Sunday, provided the employee has satisfied the thirty-five (35) hour work week requirement. All time paid is considered hours worked.
- 2.All time worked on a Holiday in addition to the Holiday pay.

Overtime work shall be distributed as equally as possible among employees within the same classification within the Department and who have been given a reasonable notice (2 hours) that overtime will be worked, except in cases of emergency.

Overtime shall be paid currently or at least no later than the second pay period after overtime was worked.

Any employee who is requested and returns to work during periods other than his regularly scheduled shift shall be paid time and one half for such work and be guaranteed not less than four (4) hours pay, regardless of the number of hours actually worked.

Overtime outside of the Department shall be distributed as equally as possible providing the employee is qualified to perform said duties and shall be done using the rotating and seniority list as a basis.

#### ARTICLE 13. WAGE SCHEDULE

Effective January 1, 1995, all employees covered by this Agreement shall receive a rate increase equal to three (3%) percent of their base rate as of December 31, 1994.

Effective January 1, 1996, all employees covered by the Agreement shall receive a rate increase equal to three (3%) percent of their base rate as of December 31, 1995.

Effective January 1, 1997, all employees covered by this Agreement shall receive a rate increase equal to three (3%) percent of their base rate as of December 31, 1996.

The appropriate list of classified titles covered herein shall appear as Appendix A of the Agreement.

The entrance level for new employees shall be in accordance with the rate of pay by title as appears in Appendix B, effective 1/1/95.

All Part-Time employees, except Students, shall be in accordance with the Rate of Pay by title as appears in Appendix B.

All Part-Time employees over 20 hours per week shall be entitled to the same rights and benefits as Full-Time employees, on a pro-rated basis.

Permanent part-time employees shall receive pro-rated sick, vacation, personal time and holidays.

#### ARTICLE 14. LONGEVITY

Longevity pay will be granted annually, on or about November 1st of each year, in a separate check, to all classified employees with three (3) or more years of full time service with the Township, as per following schedule:

Commencing with the third (3) year through the fifth (5) year inclusive, - 3½% of annual salary.

Commencing with the sixth (6) year through the ninth (9) year inclusive, - 5½% of annual salary.

Commencing with the tenth (10) year through the fourteenth (14) year inclusive, - 7½% of annual salary.

Commencing with the (15) year through the nineteenth (19) year inclusive, - 9½% of annual salary.

Commencing with the twentieth (20) year through retirement, - 11½% of annual salary.

In computing Longevity Pay, the effective date shall be the anniversary date. If an employee leaves the service of the Township prior to the November 1st payment date for longevity, his longevity will be pro-rated for the current year and paid at the time of separation.

Longevity shall be computed on the employee's rate on November 1st.

An employee may opt to have included in their pension base, the annual Longevity payment. However, the actual disbursement of Longevity will be made once a year on November 1st. Deduction for the employee pension contribution will be made weekly. Once an employee opts to have their Longevity included in their pension base, it cannot be reversed at any future time.

#### ARTICLE 15. VACATION

Employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to the following annual vacation leave:

Up to six (6) months to one year of service, seven (7) hours vacation for each month of service.  
(Maximum 84 hours.)

From one (1) year up to and including the third (3rd) year of service, 98 hours per year.

From the Fourth (4th) year up to and including the sixth (6th) year of service, 126 hours per year.

From the seventh (7th) year up to and including the ninth (9th) year of service, 154 hours per year

From the tenth (10th) year up to and including the twelfth (12th) year of service, 182 hours per year.

From the thirteenth (13th) year of service through retirement, 210 hours per year

Where in any calendar year the vacation leave or any part thereof is not used, such vacation period shall accumulate and any unused vacation time, resulting from the pressure of work as determined by the Department Head, may be carried forward for a period of two (2) years only, and must be taken prior to the end of the second year.

However, if in the last year, due to the pressure of work as determined by the Department Head, the employee still has accumulated vacation time that will be lost, the employee has the right to sell that time only.

Vacation time cannot be used for sick time without the express written consent of the employee.

It is understood that each employee shall have fully earned their vacation as of the first of the year, however, if the employee leaves the service of the Township, their earned vacation time unused will be prorated for the time period worked in that year, and paid to the employee in their last paycheck, provided they have given a proper notice of intention to resign or are laid off.

#### ARTICLE 16. HOLIDAYS

The following thirteen (13) days shall be observed as normal Holidays during the years of this Agreement: New Years Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and two (2) floating township holidays to be scheduled at the employee's discretion, with the approval of the Director.

Holidays which fall on a Saturday shall be celebrated on the preceding work day. Holidays which fall on a Sunday shall be celebrated on the succeeding work day. Holidays which fall within an employee's vacation period shall be celebrated at the employee's option, either immediately before or immediately after his vacation period.

When the Township, Governor of New Jersey or President of the United States, declares a day off, in addition to those set forth above, any employee who is required to work on such day shall be granted an additional day off at a later date, mutually agreed upon by the Employee and the Department Head so as not to interfere with the daily operation of the Department. In the event that the work schedule is Monday through Friday, Good Friday and the Friday after Thanksgiving will become holidays in lieu of Christmas Eve and one of the floating township holidays set by the employee with the approval of the Director.

#### ARTICLE 17. PERSONAL DAYS

All full time permanent employees shall be granted thirty-five (35) personal hours each year, pro-rated for new employees. Personal hours shall be allotted to each employee per year to be used at the discretion of the employee upon approval of their Department Manager.

## ARTICLE 18. SICK LEAVE

Sick leave means the absence from duty of an employee because of personal illness by reason for which such employee is unable to perform the usual duties of his/her position, exposure to contagious disease, or other illness or in an emergency situation where of illness to his/her immediate family (wife, husband, or children) the employee is required to remain at home to care for same, or caring for the household. Such an emergency situation shall be documented upon the request of the Director of the Department. Each employee covered by this agreement shall be granted twelve and a half hours sick leave each month.

If an employee is absent for five (5) consecutive work days for any of the reasons as set forth above, the Township shall require acceptable evidence on the form prescribed. The nature of the illness and length of time the employee was or will be absent must be stated on a Doctor's Certificate.

An employee who does not expect to report for work on any working day because of personal illness for any of the reasons as set forth above, shall notify the appropriate office by telephone or personal messenger no later than 15 minutes past scheduled starting time. Failure to do so could result in a loss of pay for that period of absence.

Sick leave claimed by reason of quarantine or exposure to contagious disease may be approved upon the certification of the local Health Department.

Full time provisional employees of the Township shall be entitled to sick leave in the same amount and for the same reasons as provided for permanent employees.

Annually for each thirty-five (35) sick hours not used, of the current year, [earned sick hours] the employees shall receive an additional ½% longevity pay on or about November 1st of each year, not to exceed 2%.

Any permanent full time employee who has exhausted his accumulated sick leave, by reason of illness, as proved to the satisfaction of the Township shall be continued on the Township's **Health Benefits Plan** for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

#### ARTICLE 19. RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

If an employee gives two weeks notice when he intends to resign, he shall be paid for any accrued vacation time, pro-rated for the current year. Longevity shall also be pro-rated for the current year, if applicable.

If an employee resigns in good standing after ten years of service with the township, or retires, the employee shall be entitled to compensation for accrued unused sick leave hours at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) per hour for each unused sick hour, for 1995, 1996, and 1997. Employees shall be compensated for all unused sick leave hours accumulated prior to January 1, 1984, and up to a maximum of 560 hours for unused sick leave hours accumulated on or after January 1, 1984.

If an employee retires from the Township with 25 years of service, the Township agrees to provide the employee with Health Insurance as provided for in Article XXVI of the current contract. The Township will permit any employee having more than ten(10) years of service with the township but less than twenty-five (25) years of service with the Township to continue their Hospitalization Insurance for an indefinite period of time provided the employee pays 100% of the cost of such plan.

If the employee does not give the proper two weeks notice of his intention to resign or retire, the Township shall determine whether or not the employee shall be entitled to any compensation under this Article.

#### ARTICLE 20. WORKERS COMPENSATION

In the event an Employee becomes disabled by reason of a work related injury or illness and is unable to perform his/her duties, then the Employee shall be entitled to full pay for a period up to one (1) year, provided all conditions of this Article are met.

The employee shall notify his or her Department Head of the work related injury or illness immediately.

The employee shall be required to present evidence by a certificate of a duly authorized physician that he/she is unable to work, and the Township may reasonably require the employee to present such certificate from time to time.

No charge shall be made to the employees sick or vacation leave accumulation.

An employee who is injured and unable to return to work for a period less than seven (7) days shall not be charged with any sick or vacation leave benefit because of said injury or illness,



however, a Doctor's Certificate will be required stating the nature of the injury or illness and the length of absence required for same.

#### ARTICLE 21. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

In the event of death of a member of an employee's immediate family, the following leave of absence, with pay, shall be granted.

Seven (7) days off with pay shall be granted in the event of death of an employee's Mother, Father, or Parental Guardian, Spouse, Children of the employee, Brother, Sister.

Five (5) days off with pay shall be granted in the event of death of an employee's Grandmother, Grandfather, Grandchild, Step Parents and Foster Children.

Three (3) days off with pay shall be granted in the event of death of an employee's Mother-in-Law, Father-in-Law, Brother-in-Law, and Sister-in-Law, spouse's grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, spouse's step-parents, aunts, and uncles.

One (1) day shall be granted for nieces, nephews, and cousins.

#### ARTICLE 22. UNION LEAVE

The Township agrees to allow the union representative a reasonable amount of time off from work to attend to union business, provided such time does not interfere with the anticipated work assignments.

The Township further agrees that all employees covered by this agreement shall be granted reasonable time off from work to attend group meetings of the union, such meetings shall not exceed one half (1/2) hour a month, when necessary.

#### ARTICLE 23. MATERNITY/PATERNITY LEAVE

Request for maternity/paternity leave shall be made in writing, no later than the one month prior to effective date of leave.

Except for reasons of health or inability to perform her job, the pregnant employee shall be permitted to work, providing the attending physician approves and so advises in writing. A pregnant employee shall be granted earned and accumulated sick and vacation leave time during the time prior to and after the actual date of birth.

Employees requesting paternity leave shall be granted earned and accumulated sick and vacation leave time after the actual date of birth.

Additional time, without pay, may be granted for reasons of the employees individual health, upon presentation of a Doctor's Certificate, setting forth the necessity therefore.

A request for pregnancy or maternity/paternity leave shall be made in writing at least one month prior to the effective date of the requested leave.

#### ARTICLE 24. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - WITHOUT PAY

A permanent employee holding a position in the classified service who is temporarily incapacitated to perform his duties due to either physical or mental reasons may be granted a special leave of absence, without pay, for a period not to exceed six (6) months. Said special leave may be extended for another period, not to exceed six (6) months, with the approval of the Township.

Any permanent employee desiring such special leave of absence, without pay, shall submit his request, in writing, stating the reasons why, in his opinion, the request should be granted along with the anticipated date of his return to duty.

Employees shall be given time off without loss of pay when performing jury duty.

Employees shall be given time off without loss of pay when commanded to appear as a witness and not a party before a court, legislative committee or judicial or quasi-judicial body.

#### ARTICLE 25. HEALTH BENEFIT PACKAGE

For all employees hired prior to 7/1/95 the Township will pay the premium and provide a Medical Insurance Plan equal to or better than the New Jersey State Health Benefit Plan option coverage. In no event will this coverage be changed unless an equivalent or improved plan is obtained by the Township.

The employees hired after 7/1/95 will contribute through payroll deductions a co-pay amount of 5% (for those employees classified as grades 1 through 4) and 10% (for those employees classified as grades 5 through 8) of the total premium (cost) in accordance with the prior fiscal year annual cost per employee based on both single and family coverage calculated on the I.D.A. /InterGroup Traditional type plan or, in the case of an HMO, the current fixed billing premium for the type of coverage selected by the employee. On the

IDA/InterGroup traditional type plan the cost of single and family coverage will be calculated by IDA.

The Township agrees to provide for all members covered hereunder a Health Benefit Package in the amount of \$4,000.00 to be used for Hospitalization Insurance, Prescription Plan, Eyeglass Plan, Dental Plan, and any other insurance coverage as determined by the Township and permitted by I.R.S. in accordance with a "menu", procedures, exclusions, requirements, etc. as determined by the Township.

All employees will receive a copy of the Plan Document which will include the "menu", procedures, exclusions, requirements, etc., as soon as the Plan Document is completed.

**The Township will reimburse each employee participating in the I.D.A. Traditional Type plan up to \$100.00 towards the deductible.**

The Township will reimburse an employee on active pay status for the premium cost of the Medicare Plan when the employee or his/her spouse reaches age 65.

The Township will pay health insurance premiums for a plan providing benefits as required for a Township employee who has retired after twenty-five (25) years of service.

#### ARTICLE 26. MILEAGE

The Township agrees to provide transportation to and from training schools as incidental to the employees position. For any schools at any area, the Township agrees to provide members covered under this agreement the daily round trip transportation in the form of a Township vehicle or payment for mileage at the rate of twenty cents (\$.20) per mile when such employee must use their own vehicle for same.

#### ARTICLE 27. COLLEGE CREDITS

Upon completion of a course of education, in a job related subject and the presentation of a college transcript indicating the course, final passing grade, and credit hours, any employee who has pursued such advance education to advance themselves within their classification, shall be granted the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per credit hour, per course, on a one-time basis only, effective January 1, 1983.

Such payment will be made on or about November 1st, upon receipt of a fully executed Township voucher, with the documentation attached and signed by the employee.

## ARTICLE 28. SENIORITY

Seniority is defined as an employees total length of service with the Township of Gloucester, beginning with his original date of hire.

An employee having broken service with the Township, (as distinguished from a leave of absence), shall not accrue seniority credit for the time when he was not employed by the Township.

If a question arise concerning two or more employees who were hired on the same date, the following shall apply:

If hired prior to the effective date of this Agreement, seniority preference among such employees shall be determined by the order in which employees are already shown on the Township's payroll records, first name, first preference, etc.

For employees hired on the same date subsequent to the date of this Agreement, preference shall be given in alphabetical order.

The Township shall maintain accurate, up to date, seniority roster showing each employees date of hire, classification, and pay rate and shall furnish copies of same to the representative upon request.

Except where New Jersey Civil Service statutes require otherwise, in cases of promotions, demotions, lay offs, recalls, vacation schedules, and other situation where substantial employee advantages are concerned, the employee with the greatest amount of seniority shall be given preference, provided he has the ability to perform the work involved.

A list shall be maintained by the Township indicating the number of positions available. Such positions shall be posted on the Council #10 Bulletin Boards and in the appropriate offices wherein the position is available. A minimum notice of forty five (45) days before that position is permanently filled is required so that employees may have adequate time to apply, provided the employee has the ability to perform the work involved, the position should be filled from within.

## ARTICLE 29. PROMOTIONS

The Township agrees that promotions shall be made in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations. It further agrees not to discriminate on promotions because of religion, race, creed, politics, gender or age.

An employee who is required to work in a higher paid classification than his own shall be approved for such work and compensation as paid the current incumbent after he has performed said work for the (3) consecutive weeks, spending at least 50% of his time on the higher paid job.

The Township agrees to honor all requests for desk audit. Such desk audit shall be in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

When an employee is promoted (so as to assume additional duties and responsibilities, or in recognition of the performance of duties beyond those required by his old title) from one class of title to another having a higher salary, then his salary shall be adjusted to increase his base salary by the value of the increment at the 1st anniversary level of his current title, and the new title which he is being promoted to. In no event shall such employee's salary be less than that which he received in his prior title.

Employees undergoing on the job training will not be considered as performing work in a higher paid classification or being promoted. Such on the job training will not exceed twelve (12) consecutive weeks. Any employee undergoing on the job training will be paid at the rate of pay of his own classification.

#### ARTICLE 30. LAY OFF OR DISCHARGE

If an employee is laid-off, he is to be paid for any earned, accumulated vacation time pro-rated for the current year in addition to the following schedule:

One (1) to Five (5) years of service - One (1) weeks severance pay.

Six (6) to Ten (10) years of service - Two (2) weeks severance pay.

Eleven (11) to Fifteen (15) years of service - Three (3) weeks severance pay.

Sixteen (16) or more years of service - Four (4) weeks severance pay.

If an employee is discharged for cause, the Township shall determine whether or not he shall be paid for any earned, accumulated vacation time depending upon the circumstances of his dismissal.

#### ARTICLE 31. SAFETY AND HEALTH

The Township shall, at all times, maintain safe and healthful working conditions and will provide employees with any wearing apparel, tools, or devices reasonably necessary in order to insure their safety and health.

In the case of an emergency affecting employees covered by this Agreement, as declared by the local Police Authorities, it shall be the Township's duty to notify all Department Heads, as soon as possible with respect to an appropriate course of action.

#### ARTICLE 32. TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be effective as of the 1st day of January 1995 and shall remain in full force and effect until the 31st day of December 1997. It shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the anniversary date, that it desires to modify the Agreement. In the event such notice is given, negotiations shall begin not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the anniversary date. This Agreement shall remain in force and be effective during the period of negotiations and until notice of termination of this Agreement is provided to the other party in the manner set forth in the following paragraph.

In the event that either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party not less than thirty (30) days prior to the desired termination date, which shall not be before the anniversary date set forth in the preceding paragraph.

Any changes, modifications, or amendments of any one part of this contract shall not cause a change, modification or amendment in any other part unless expressly so stated, and this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. This writing contains the entire Agreement between the parties and shall not be changed, enlarged, diminished, or modified in any way without express written approval of both parties.

Upon proper notice as stated in Article 36, Section 1, the parties to this Agreement will enter into negotiations for the purpose of changing or modifying this Agreement. In the event that an impasse is reached during those negotiations, either party shall have the right to submit the dispute to mediation. The dispute shall be submitted to mediation pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Public Employees Relations Commission.

FOR COUNCIL 10

FOR MANAGEMENT

Henry J. Dunn DATE 9-19-95 Sandra Leach DATE 10/4/95

Stella Williams DATE 10-4-95 Thomas Zuck DATE 10/4/95

Lillian Peterson DATE 10-4-95 Robert Smith DATE 10/4/96

Susan M. Loring DATE 10-4-95

Ala P. Srinivasan DATE 10-4-95

Flora Huff DATE 10/4/95

APPENDIX A-1 (EFFECTIVE 1-1-95)  
COUNCIL 10 JOB TITLE GRADES  
EFFECTIVE 1-1-95

<u>GRADE</u>	STARTING RATE <u>PER HOUR</u>	6 MONTHS RATE <u>PER HOUR</u>	1st ANNIVERSARY <u>PER HOUR</u>
1	5.51	5.81	6.10
2	5.82	6.12	6.41
3	6.12	6.41	6.71
4	6.42	6.72	7.02
5	7.03	7.32	7.62
6	7.32	7.62	7.92
7	7.63	7.93	8.22
8	7.94	8.24	8.53



APPENDIX A-2 (EFFECTIVE 1-1-96)  
COUNCIL 10 JOB TITLE GRADES  
EFFECTIVE 1-1-96

<u>GRADE</u>	STARTING RATE <u>PER HOUR</u>	6 MONTHS RATE <u>PER HOUR</u>	1st ANNIVERSARY <u>PER HOUR</u>
1	5.68	5.98	6.28
2	5.99	6.30	6.60
3	6.30	6.60	6.91
4	6.61	6.92	7.23
5	7.24	7.54	7.85
6	7.54	7.85	8.16
7	7.86	8.17	8.47
8	8.18	8.49	8.79

APPENDIX A-3 (EFFECTIVE 1-1-97)  
 COUNCIL 10 JOB TITLE GRADES  
 EFFECTIVE 1-1-97

<u>GRADE</u>	STARTING RATE <u>PER HOUR</u>	6 MONTHS RATE <u>PER HOUR</u>	1st ANNIVERSARY <u>PER HOUR</u>
1	5.85	6.15	6.46
2	6.16	6.48	6.79
3	6.48	6.79	7.11
4	6.80	7.12	7.44
5	7.45	7.76	8.08
6	7.76	8.08	8.40
7	8.09	8.41	8.72
8	8.42	8.74	9.05

Alphabetical (By Title)

APPENDIX -B-1

EFFECTIVE 1-1-95

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>
ACCOUNT CLERK	2
ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST	3
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	7
AIDE TO MAYOR	7
ASSESSING CLERK	1
ASSESSING CLERK, TYPIST	2
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	7
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK	7
CLERK	1
CLERK BOOKKEEPER	2
CLERK STENOGRAPHER	3

CLERK TYPIST	2
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AIDE	1
COMPUTER OPERATOR	6
DATA CONTROL CLERK	3
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK	7
DEPUTY VIOLATION CLERK	6
DOCKET CLERK	2
DOCKET CLERK TYPIST	3
LEGAL STENOGRAPHER	6
MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK	8
PAYROLL SUPERVISOR & PERSONNEL CLERK	7
POLICE RECORDS CLERK	1
POLICE RECORDS CLERK, TYPIST	2
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK	5
PRINCIPAL ASSESSING CLERK	5
PRINCIPAL CLERK TYPIST	5

PRINCIPAL TAX CLERK	6
RECREATION AIDE	1
SECRETARY ASSISTANT, TYPING	6
SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK	3
SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK, TYPING	4
SENIOR ASSESSING CLERK	2
SENIOR ASSESSING CLERK, TYPING	3
SENIOR CLERK	2
SENIOR CLERK BOOKKEEPER	3
SENIOR CLERK STENOGRAPHER	4
SENIOR CLERK TYPIST	3
SENIOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS AIDE	2
SENIOR COMPUTER OPERATOR	7
SENIOR DATA CONTROL CLERK	4
SENIOR DOCKET CLERK	3
SENIOR DOCKET CLERK, TYPING	4

SENIOR POLICE RECORDS CLERK	2
SENIOR POLICE RECORDS CLERK, TYP.	3
SENIOR TAX CLERK	2
SENIOR TELEPHONE OPERATOR	2
SENIOR WELFARE INTERVIEWER	2
SUPERVISING COMPUTER OPERATOR	8
TAX CLERK	1
TELEPHONE OPERATOR	1
VIOLATION CLERK	7
WELFARE INTERVIEWER	1

Numerically (By Grade Level)

APPENDIX B-1  
(EFFECTIVE 1-1-95)

<u>TITLE</u> <u>LEVEL</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
CLERK	1
POLICE RECORDS CLERK	1
ASSESSING CLERK	1
TAX CLERK	1
RECREATION AIDE	1
WELFARE INTERVIEWER	1
TELEPHONE OPERATOR	1
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AIDE	1
SENIOR CLERK	2
SENIOR POLICE RECORDS CLERK	2
SENIOR ASSESSING CLERK	2
SENIOR TAX CLERK	2
SENIOR WELFARE INTERVIEWER	2

SENIOR TELEPHONE OPERATOR	2
SENIOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS AIDE	2
CLERK TYPIST	2
POLICE RECORDS CLERK, TYPIST	2
ASSESSING CLERK, TYPIST	2
ACCOUNT CLERK	2
CLERK BOOKKEEPER	2
DOCKET CLERK	2
SENIOR CLERK TYPIST	3
SENIOR POLICE RECORDS CLERK, TYP.	3
SENIOR ASSESSING CLERK, TYPING	3
SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK	3
SENIOR CLERK BOOKKEEPER	3
SENIOR DOCKET CLERK	3
DATA CONTROL CLERK	3
ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST	3



DOCKET CLERK TYPIST	3
CLERK STENOGRAPHER	3
SENIOR DATA CONTROL CLERK	4
SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK, TYPING	4
SENIOR DOCKET CLERK, TYPING	4
SENIOR CLERK STENOGRAPHER	4
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK	5
PRINCIPAL CLERK TYPIST	5
PRINCIPAL ASSESSING CLERK	5
PRINCIPAL TAX CLERK	6
LEGAL STENOGRAPHER	6
COMPUTER OPERATOR	6
SECRETARY ASSISTANT, TYPING	6
DEPUTY VIOLATION CLERK	6
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERK	7
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK	7

PAYROLL SUPERVISOR & PERSONNEL CLERK	7
VIOLATION CLERK	7
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	7
SENIOR COMPUTER OPERATOR	7
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	7
AIDE TO MAYOR	7
MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK	8
SUPERVISING COMPUTER OPERATOR	8

TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER  
COUNCIL "10" (WHITE COLLAR)  
HEALTH BENEFIT PACKAGE  
FLEXIBLE PLAN MENU

Effective 1/1/95 the Township will provide an option to all employees covered under their Collective Bargaining Agreement for the year 1995 through 1997 to select either plan "A" which is the Municipal Health Benefit Plan (IDA/InterGroup or Health Maintenance Plans) the Township's Dental Plan, Eyeglass Plan and Prescription Plan. Plan "A" is the existing plan available currently (1989 and prior years)

Plan "B" will be a Flexible Benefits Plan, which will list a menu of benefits that an employee may choose. The employee will thereby be able to design their own Health Benefit/Other Benefits Package based on a limit of \$4,000.00 per year of the individual price tag amounts on the menu. The items in Plan "A" will be included on the Plan "B" menu.

Plan "B" Menu will include non taxable items and taxable items. On taxable items the amount of benefit credit will be charged to the employee's gross earnings as other compensation and full taxes, State and Federal including FICA will be deducted.

If an employee selects a schedule of items that exceeds the \$4,000.00 Benefit Credit provided in the Contract a payroll deduction may be made for the excess, however, this will be limited to 10% of the total Benefit Credit, which on the 95/97 contract will be \$4,00.00 if the item selected exceed two menu items.

Once a menu is established for a calendar year there cannot be items added to or items deleted from the list. Annually Council 10 representatives and the Mayor and Business Administrator will review the menu for revisions.

The menu, in the opinion of the Township, qualifies under Section 89 of the IRS Code effective 12/31/88; however, if any item is determined to be taxable by the IRS we will have to reclassify the item from the non-taxable to taxable schedule.